

Amendments to the Specification

Change paragraph 0003, as follows:

**[0003]** Image reading apparatuses have reading means for reading the images on the documents or sheets transported one at a time from a document supply tray by an automatic document feeder. Recent image reading apparatuses have been proposed to have a function using two individual reading means to read the images on the front and back surfaces of the document sheets fed one at a time by an automatic document feeder located on one document transport ~~pass path~~ without locating the sheet in a switch-back ~~pass path~~.